

AMENDMENTSAmendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims according to the following listing of the claims.

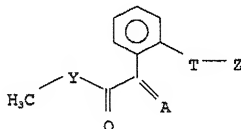
Listing of the claims

1. (canceled)
2. (canceled)
3. to 7. (canceled)
8. (canceled)
9. (previously presented) A process for the preparation of controlled release (CR) granules which contain micropores and are adapted for soil-application, and which are obtained by applying an active-ingredient-comprising coating to a solid carrier in a fluidized bed with a defined heat input of from about 11,864 to 25,000 kJ/kg of coating polymer, wherein the CR granules comprise, as coating polymer, a dispersion selected from the group consisting of: butyl acrylate/styrene copolymers, copolymer dispersions of acrylic and methacrylic esters, polyethylene wax emulsions, polyesters composed of the following units: 50 mol% dimethyl terephthalate + approximately 50 mol% adipic acid + 150 mol% 1,4-butanediol and ethylene/methacrylic acid zinc salt, which process comprises applying to the carrier in a fluidized bed: first at least one active ingredient, and

then the coating comprising at least one coating polymer and optionally additives, said micropores being generated in the coating by abrasion or by the use of water-soluble additives.

10. (currently amended) A method for controlling phytopathogenic fungi, undesired vegetation, undesired attack by insects and/or for regulating the growth of plants, which comprises applying the CR granules of claim ~~1~~ 25 to the soil which contains or will contain seeds or plants therein.
11. to 15. (canceled)
16. (previously presented) The process of claim 9, wherein the lower heat input level is about 12,927 kJ/kg.
17. to 19. (canceled)
20. (currently amended) The CR granules defined in claim ~~1~~ 25, ~~which wherein the CR granules~~ are obtained by applying the polymer coating to the solid carrier with a heat input of from about 12,927 to 25,000 kJ/kg of coating polymer.
21. (canceled)
22. (canceled)
23. (canceled)
24. (currently amended) Soil-applied CR granules as

claimed in claim ~~1~~ 25 comprising, as active ingredient, at least one fungicidal compound of the formula I from amongst the class of strobilurins



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in which the substituents have the following meanings:

- A is NOCH_3 , CHOCH_3 , CHCH_3 ;
- Y is O, NH;
- T is oxygen or oxymethylene;
- Z is a group X, $\text{N}=\text{C}(\text{R}^1)\text{W}$ or $\text{N}=\text{C}(\text{R}^1)-\text{C}(\text{R}^2)=\text{NOR}^3$;
- X is unsubstituted or substituted heterocyclyl, unsubstituted or substituted aryl, unsubstituted or substituted hetaryl;
- W is unsubstituted or substituted alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted alkenyl, unsubstituted or substituted alkynyl, unsubstituted or substituted cycloalkyl, hetaryl;
- R^1 is hydrogen, cyano, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_1 - C_4 -haloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkoxy- C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkyl;
- R^2 is hydrogen, cyano, halogen, $\text{C}(\text{R}^d)=\text{NOR}^3$ or W, OW, SW or NR^cW , where
- R^c is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl;
- R^d is hydrogen or alkyl;
- R^3 is hydrogen, unsubstituted or substituted alkyl,

unsubstituted or substituted alkenyl or unsubstituted or substituted alkynyl, or a salt thereof.

25. (new) Controlled release (CR) granules for soil-application, obtained by applying a coating comprising

one or more systemically acting strobilurin, as active ingredient, and

a coating material selected from the group consisting of: butyl acrylate/styrene copolymers, copolymer dispersion of acrylic and methacrylic esters, polyethylene wax emulsions, polyesters composed of the following units: 50 mol% dimethyl terephthalate + approximately 50 mol% adipic acid + 150 mol% 1,4-butanediol and ethylene/methacrylic acid zinc salt

to a solid carrier in a fluidized bed with a defined heat input of from about 11,864 to 25,000 kJ/kg of coating material.

26. (new) The CR granules defined in claim 25, wherein the coating comprises:

- (a) 0.1 - 25% by weight of the one or more systemically acting strobilurin, as active ingredient,
- (b) 1 - 40% by weight of the coating material, and
- (c) 0 - 60% by weight of one or more additives, and

wherein the total of the % by weight of the components (a) to (c) amounts to 100% by weight.

27. (new) The CR granules defined in claim 25, comprising, as solid carrier, water-soluble, water-insoluble or biodegradable granules.
28. (new) Soil-applied CR granules as claimed in claim 25, wherein the coating further comprises one or more salicylate, as active ingredient.
29. (new) Soil-applied CR granules as claimed in claim 25, wherein the coating further comprises one or more azole, as active ingredient.
30. (new) Soil-applied CR granules as claimed in claim 28, wherein the coating further comprises one or more azole, as active ingredient.